
REPORT FOR: CABINET

Date of Meeting:	20 January 2016
Subject:	Harrow Cycling Strategy 2015 - 2018
Key Decision:	Yes
Responsible Officer:	Venetia Reid-Baptiste, Divisional Director of Commissioning Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Graham Henson, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	Yes
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Appendix A – Harrow Cycling Strategy & Appendices Appendix B - EqIA

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

The Harrow Cycling Strategy supplements and supports the Council's Vision¹ and earlier documents relating to or which make reference to Cycling by Harrow Council. The policies and strategies relating to cycling are brought together as an overarching strategy document for cycling in the Borough to guide the development of cycling targets, cycling action plan and policy

¹ Harrow Council Vision Statement from Harrow Council Corporate Plan 2014-15

reference for cycling as may be required by the Council and demonstrate Harrow's commitment to cycling as a mode of transport. This report seeks approval to adopt the Harrow Cycling Strategy.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to:

- a. Approve the Cycling Strategy set out in Appendix A.
- b. Delegate responsibility to the Divisional Director of Commissioning Services, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety, to make amendments to the Strategy as required.

Reason: (For recommendation)

The Harrow Cycling Strategy brings together existing documentation and policy on cycling into a single document. This will help plan, develop and deliver a comprehensive and integrated programme and implementation of cycling schemes and supporting activities. It will demonstrate strong commitment to cycling and support external funding bids.

Section 2 – Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Harrow Council recognises the role of cycling both as a sustainable transport mode and a leisure activity. The Council has therefore included consideration for cycling and the need for good quality and safe cycling infrastructure in the Council's transport policies and delivery plans.
- 1.2 This document brings together all the policies and targets relating to cycling that are referred to in these documents into one overarching strategy document for cycling in the Borough. This will give transparency to the Council's cycling programme with a clear vision and a commitment to improve and increase cycling in the Borough.
- 1.3 The Strategy will steer Harrow Council's cycling proposals and implementation plans in the short and medium term. This strategy will be subject to an interim review at end of 2016/17 and an update if a new Transport Plan is issued by a future Mayor of London.

2. Options considered

Option 1- Do nothing

- 2.1 Not having a cycling strategy that sets out all cycling related activities and Harrow's vision for cycling in one document could result in

piecemeal implementation of schemes and makes it more difficult to demonstrate commitment to cycling to funding organisations.

2.2 This option is not recommended.

Option 2 – Approve the Cycling Strategy

2.3 Having an adopted, comprehensive cycling strategy helps to plan and deliver cycling schemes, demonstrates commitment and provides transparency in the Council's aspirations for cycling in the Borough. This option is preferred.

Resources

2.4 Current staffing will be used and there is no requirement for additional staffing.

3. Community & Consultation

3.1 Consultation has taken place with key service managers to ensure that the policy aligns with service areas.

3.2 The strategy has been reviewed by TfL and amended as appropriate. No public consultation is required as proposals will be consulted on independently before implementation.

4. Performance Issues

4.1 This strategy will help the Council deliver cycling schemes and projects more effectively and efficiently.

5. Environmental Implications

5.1 The strategy will result in improvements to the environment as a result of reducing motorised vehicular use and consequent reduction in air based pollutants.

6. Risk Management Implications

6.1 The strategy will result in no worse risk management implications than current on cycling schemes and projects.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 The strategy will result in no additional legal implications than current on cycling schemes and projects.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 The delivery of the cycling strategy will be funded through the LIP programme and other external funding sources. The Council will continue to seek external funding to maximise the financial resources available to support cycling initiatives across the borough.

9. Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

The Equality Act 2010 outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equality Duty which requires public authorities to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

The relevant protected characteristics are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. The duty also covers marriage and civil partnership, but to a limited extent.

The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day to day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services so that the potential impact on any protected groups is identified and steps taken to mitigate or remove them.

The EqIA carried out is attached to this report at Appendix B. The EqIA did not identify any potential for unlawful conduct or disproportionate impact upon protected groups and confirmed that all opportunities to advance equality are being addressed. The policy addresses equalities issues and ensures a fair, balanced approach in line with statutory requirements and guidance.

10. Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The policy supports the following council corporate priorities.

- Making a difference for Communities
- Making a difference for Local Businesses.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Jessie Man	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 3 November 2015		
Name: Matthew Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 6 November 2015		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO, as it impacts on all Wards
EqIA carried out:	YES
EqIA cleared by:	Hanif Islam

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Hanif Islam, Policy & Performance Manager,
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Background Papers: None.

Call-In Waived by the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	NOT APPLICABLE <i>[Call-in applies]</i>
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